Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—On account of the lethargy on the part of Government in executing these works has this delay not come in the way of producing more food ?

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—Sir, I cannot admit that. Government has provided sufficient finances to the committed works and that is why we could not undertake fresh works. We have given directions to the engineers that small works could be completed within certain period and I assure the House that they will adhere to that direction.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ನುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯ ನಾಯಕ್.—ನೊಳ್ಳ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಉಬರ್ಡಕಪುತ್ತೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಕುತ್ತಿಮುಚ್ಚಿ ವೆಂಟೆಡ್ ಡ್ಯಾಂ 34 ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣವಾಗಿ ಅದರಿಂದ ಸುಮಾರು 60 ಎಕೆರೆ ಭೂಮಿಗೆ ನೀರು ಒದಗಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಒಂದು ವಾರದೊಳಗೆ ನೀರು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ವಾಗ್ದಾನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡದೆ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆಲೂರು ಹನುಮಂತಪ್ಪ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬರೆದು ಕಳಿಸಿದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Food Crops affected due to Drought.

*Q.—285. Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI (Afzalpur).—

Will the Minister for Food be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the percentage of various food crops affected due to drought in the State ;

(*b*) the annual normal food production in the State and the shortfall during the current year ;

(*c*) the steps they propose to take to meet the shortage ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food).—

(*a*) 4 per cent to 90 per cent varying from crop to crop and district to district.

(*b*) (1) 45 lakh metric tons.

(2) 8.5 lakh metric tons in view of the adverse seasonal conditions of 1965-66.

(*c*) The following steps have been taken under emergency food production drive for meeting the shortage :—

(i) to secure imports of foodgrains from outside the State ;

(ii) to raise additional crops of short-duration like ragi, paddy, maize, etc., under the irrigation projects, Bhadra and T.B.P.

(iii) to supply the required quantities of seeds, fertilisers and plant protection materials ot the cultivators.

(iv) to supply Irrigation pumpsets to the ryots for improving facilities for growing food crops.

(v) introduction of Hybrid Maize, Jowar and Bajra and Taichung paddy.

(vi) adoption of improved agricultural practices in the Intensive Cultivation and other areas.

9-30 A.M.

SRI ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—Out of 9.5 lakh deficit, may I know how much is for rice, how much is for ragi and how much is for jowar ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—It is difficult to give figures.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—It is said that the steps they propose to take to meet shortage is to supply the required quantity of seeds, fertilisers, plant protection materials. Has it come to the notice of the Government that in certain areas of the State, fertilisers are not being supplied to some of the societies specially in Maddur taluk ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—There are certain societies which have not been able to get. But recently we have more fertilisers and proper arrangements will be made to supply.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—The point is deficit. But due to mismanagement of officers there are some societies which have no stock and this was brought to the notice of the Chief Minister sometime back and even now there is that continuing difficulty in Maddur and some of the societies have been consistently denied the supply of fertilisers from the Taluk society. Would the Minister look into it ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—I will discuss with the Minister concerned and also the officers and ask them to take proper action.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—That is the difficulty. The Food Minister takes upon the responsibility to see that fertilisers are supplied. He says that he will have to discuss with the Minister for Co-operation. It is this process that is coming in the way of growing more food in the State.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Food Minister says that he will look into it and he will do it.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—I am not trying to criticise either the Minister or the Government. I want to say that this has to be realistic and pragmatic.

SRI ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—May I know out of the imported food grains, how much is from the Centre and how much is from Andhra Pradesh?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—Excepting rice all other foodgrains we get with the assistance of the Government of India.

ಶ್ರಿ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ ಗೌಡ.—ಬೆಳೆಗಳು ಸೇಕಡ 4 ರಿಂದ ಸೇಕಡ 90ರವರೆಗೆ ಹಾನಿಗೊಳಗಾಗಿದ್ದು ಅದು ಬೆಳೆಯಿಂದ ಬೆಳೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಿಂದ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾವಾರು ಅಂಕಿ ಅಂಶಗಳಿವೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಇವೆ, ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಟೇಬಲ್ ಮೇಲಿಡುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

MR. SPEAKER.—I would desire that the Hon'ble Minister may kindly place it on the Table so that the debate that is likely to come up, will be facilitated.

SRI C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know for how long this shortage will continue in the State and what action is taken by the Government to step up food production ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—It is due to drought condition that we are suffering and if seasonal conditions improve, the situation may not continue for long.

SRI C. J. MUCKANAPPA.—What steps have you taken to step up food production ?

SRI B. D. JATTI.—The Government has prepared a programme to cultivate different types of food grains by using different types of seeds. If the House is interested I will give that information. The total acreage that will be brought under this will be 3.25 thousand acres. Paddy 1.25 thousand acres, hybrid jola 65,000 acres, hybrid jowar 1.60 thousand acres, hybrid bajra 20,000 acres and Mexican wheat 5,000 acres.

MR. SPEAKER.—I want to mention that the statement which has been handed over by the hon'ble Minister is seen by me and is sent for being cyclostyled and distribution to members. The members will have a better picture when they see it. If any more information is required, the members may kindly send me in writing and I will see the Government furnishes the information.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ಕೀಟಗಳ ಹಾವಳಿ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಾಗಿ ದೇಶಾದ್ಯಂತ ಸಹಸ್ರಾರು ಎಕರೆ ಬೆಳೆ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ, ವ್ಯವಸಾಯದ ಇರಾಖೆಗೆ ಅದನ್ನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟಲು ಶಕ್ತಿಯಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಮಳೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ಹುಳಗಳ ಕಾಟ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿತ್ತು, ಈಚೆಗೆ ಮಳೆಯಾದಮೇಲೆ ಬಹಳಮಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಅದು ಕಡಮೆಯಾಗಿದೆ.

MR. SPEAKER.—Now Short-notice question may be taken up.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

Manufacture of Small Car in Collaboration with a Japanese Firm

Q.—32. Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Maddur).—

Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether any Japanese firm has recently come forward to collabotate with the State Government for the manufacture of small car ;

(*b*) whether the Japanese firm come forward to collaborate not only in the capital participation but also making available the technical know-how ;

(*c*) what steps the State Government has taken to get the needed authority to pursue the project ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Japanese firm has not offered to participate in the capital investment, but only to provide technical collaboration and know-how.